



# EKKLESIA BIBLE COLLEGE

A Network of Pentecostal Education

*Newsletter - April 2021*



## EDITORIAL

Kibera Nairobi Bible School project advanced in 2021 with 2 more courses: Christology and the Book of Acts.

The extended government imposed Covid restrictions made some students to move to the country side. As they have no money to come to school the average attendance dropped by 25%. We try to contact and assist each case.

Instead of hot lunch meals each student receives \$5 a day. We learn that they use the money to buy food to take home.

Therefore we pray God to help us to assist them with food and groceries like last year when each student received twice assistance in value of \$50-60.

Many of us just received an unexpected stimulus bonus from the government.

**We pray that when you tithe your bonus to think of the poor families of our students in Kibera!**

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**Thank you!**

## CHRIST IS RISEN!

May we always live the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ wherever He appointed us to witness Him!

We thank you for being our mission partners in Africa.

*Ekklesia Board of Directors*



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# PROFILE: EKKLESIA KIBERA STUDENTS

A mission report from brother John F. Tipei



- I have just returned from Kenya together with brother Aurel Antimie from our home church in Nashville.
- We have visited local churches in Nairobi and Mombasa and the Romanian mission God Will Provide in Kisumu area.
- I also taught an exegetical bible course at Ekklesia Bible College in Kibera.
- Each Ekklesia group had its own profile:
- In Uganda the majority of the students were coming from poor rural areas; some were coming even from the Batwa tribe recently evacuated from the jungle.
- In Mombasa, the students were coming from a poor mainly muslim urban area.
- In Nairobi, the majority of the students live in Kibera, the largest slum in Africa with over 1 million inhabitants.
- In Kibera people live in small tin roofed mud houses (about 150 sq. ft) patched with plastic or tin sheets without running water and sewage.
- They buy water from the streets and carry it in plastic containers. As for personal hygiene they pay to use improvised public showers but no water closets at all..
- Some Kibera residents have the “luxury” of using public latrines while others just use the so called “flying toilets” (for more information use google search).
- Even if they come from such a poor and insalubrious neighborhood, our Ekklesia students from Kibera come to school groomed, clean and well dressed.
- Even more amazing is their unstoppable desire to know the Word of God and the contagious joy they worship the Lord with!
- They have overcome the poor conditions they’ve lived in from generation to generation. And they have chosen the most valuable things available to them: knowing and serving Christ.
- For this reason, more than ever I felt honored to minister to these Christians who in spite of the material things they lack, they love and serve God with all their heart!
- **I think they worship God with such a joy because He is what is left for them and their only hope to grasp!**

J.F.Tipei

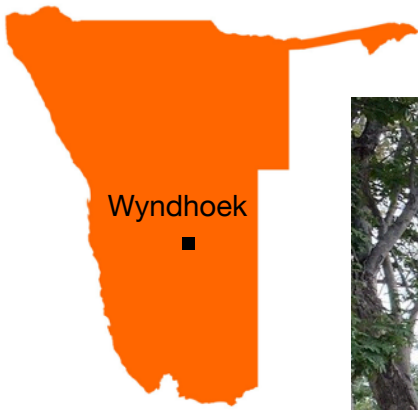
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Aurel Antimie  
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# Visiting Kalahari New Hope - Namibia



## Namibia

- 825,615 km<sup>2</sup>
- 2,74 mil. inhabitants
- 88% Christians
- 10% Animists
- 2% No religion
  
- Very dry climate.
- 12 ethnic groups din (49% Ovambo and 7% Europeans).
  
- Official Languages: English, Afrikaans, German and 9 more native languages.
  
- German colony in 1884.
  
- After 1918 called South West Africa under South African apartheid administration.
  
- Independent from February 1990.



- **Kalahari New Hope Mission** has over 12 years of experience working with the bushmen in North Eastern Namibia. The main objective is the Gospel, then helping the locals through social and agricultural projects. The mission has recently started to organize Bible seminars to train the local leaders from the newly opened churches.
  
- I have participated to such a Bible seminar for three days this January. There were more than 30 local church leaders and 10 Romanian volunteers. The Bible camp was in an open range reservation. The Lord protected us from snakes, elephants and wild predators as we were actually in their natural habitat.
  
- For me it was an unique experience: most of the leaders spoke no English and some didn't even know to read and write in any language. I

was depending on the abilities of my translator to understand and communicate biblical concepts in a poor language that uses clicks. (See *bushmen language on Google*).

- It is a privilege to see the image of God in these people and to see how the Gospel changes their lives.
  
- So far these brothers do not meet the requirements to study at Ekklesia, but this doesn't mean we cannot offer them a bible program according to their needs and to their level of understanding.
  
- And as I already knew, the Lord has touched my heart to do such things. Now I pray that He will touch more hearts, starting with the readers of this newsletter. Amen!

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# KIBERA PROJECT UPDATED

Till March 2021 we offered the following courses:

- Introduction in the Old Testament 1 (Gabi Costea)
- Introduction in the Old Testament 2 (Gabi Costea)
- Theology of the Old Testament (Marcel Măcelaru)
- Introduction in the New Testament (Dan Sabou)
- Spiritual Formation (Simion Timbuc)
- Systematic Theology 1 - Teism (Gabi Costea)
- Biblical Exegesis and Hermeneutics (R. Pelle)
- Study in Philippians (Ayo Adewuya)
- Systematic Theology 2 - Christology (G. Costea)
- The Acts of the Apostles (John F. Tipei)

For April 2021 we planed Systematic Theology 3 (Pneumatology/Soteriology), and for May - Theology of the New Testament.

Dear brothers and sisters,

**First, we call you to support us by your prayers!**

- We travel a lot being exposed to many dangers and sicknesses.
- We are on a spiritual warfare front line!

**Then, we call you to support us by your donations!**

- Missions include sacrifices and costs and there are always unexpected expenses we face.
- The Lord is blessing us through you, so that you also be partakers to the reward of our toil!

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Thank you!

*News letter edited by GC*

# IN MEMORIAM



CORNELIU  
CONSTANTINEANU  
**1967 - 2021**

- The Lord called Corneliu home. He was only 53!
- One of the most prolific university Pentecostal professor and author in Romania.
- He studied at the Theological Evangelical Institute in Osijek, Croatia and obtained his PhD in New Testament at the University of Leeds and the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, UK.
- He was granted many Post-Doctoral Research Awards by many International foundations like Langham Partnership International UK.
- Professor and Dean at Osijek, then President/Rector of the ITP Bucharest.
- He taught at UAV Arad and UV Timișoara.
- He taught at Ekklesia Bible College. He came with us in Uganda and Rwanda.
- He preached the gospel.
- He published and/or edited dozens of books and articles. He supervised theological journals.
- His favored theme was reconciliation. If he could send us a message he would probably remind us the title of one of his books: Live in Peace!
- His going to be with the Lord for us is a distress, a mystery and apparently, a loss...
- But his work and life is an example and a gain!
- We stand by his family and by all broken hearted ones by Corneliu's passing away!

*Ekklesia Board*